

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2354–2365, and S. Res. 452. **Page S3184**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–162)

S. Res. 412, reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes, with amendments and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 421, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and military achievement by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending them for leadership and valor in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 451, recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record. **Page S3183**

#### Measures Passed:

**Shimon Peres Congressional Gold Medal:** Senate passed H.R. 2939, to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres. **Page S3192**

**Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal:** Senate passed H.R. 1209, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the “Doolittle Tokyo Raiders”, for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo. **Page S3192**

**Monuments Men Recognition Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3658, to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II. **Page S3192**

**American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act:** Senate passed H.R. 685, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare. **Page S3192**

**Authorize Testimony, Documents, and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *City of Lafayette v. Bryan Benoit*. **Page S3193**

#### Measures Considered:

**Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 162, to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. **Pages S3151–53**

#### Conference Reports:

**Water Resources Reform and Development Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives the papers with respect to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the

United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, by Thursday, May 22, 2014, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, but no later than Thursday, May 22, 2014, the Chair lay before the body the conference report to accompany the bill, and Senate vote on adoption of the conference report; that the vote on adoption be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that no motions or points of order be in order to the conference report.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention on Taxes with the Republic of Poland (Treaty Doc. No. 113–5).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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**Fischer, Barron, Cook, Green, Daly, and Martinez Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, and the previous order of Wednesday, May 14, 2014, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stanley Fischer; that following disposition of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, Senate recess until 2 p.m.; that at 2 p.m., there be 10 minutes for debate, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit; that if cloture is invoked, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, with all other remaining provisions of the previous order remaining in effect; that following the cloture vote on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, James Walter Frazer Green, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Deirdre M. Daly, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, and vote on confirmation of the nominations

in the order listed; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, that any roll call votes, following the first in each series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations.

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**Fischer Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S3175–76**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3175–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years. **Pages S3175, S3194**

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years. **Pages S3175, S3194**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 158), Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S3175**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Geoffrey W. Crawford, of Vermont, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont.

37 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—159) Pages S3175–76

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3193.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies ordered favorably reported for full committee consideration H.R. 4486, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in open session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, who was introduced by Senator Heinrich and former Senator Domenici, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2142, to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, with an amendment;

S. Res. 412, reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes, with amendments;

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